

**Approved March 11, 2015**

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee  
Minutes for March 5, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

**Present:** Peggy Roberts, Nonny Burack, Patricia Holland, Mary Streeter, Alan Powell, Melissa Perot  
**Absent:** TracyLee Boutilier

Peggy called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

1. **Budget Forum Evaluation:** The Forum took place on February 17<sup>th</sup> rather than in January because of bad weather that month. The video is currently available on Amherst Media. Nonny reported that Richard Morse, a lawyer and TM member, found the Forum very helpful. Peggy said many people had thanked her for it. She hopes it will remain available on Amherst Media for at least two years as it is so informative. Sandy Pooler's handouts were especially helpful, and she will make extra copies available for the upcoming Warrant Review. 18 people attended, and we had 10 evaluations, largely positive, despite a problem with audio feedback.
2. **Town Meeting Member Precinct Vacancies:** Among the candidates for TM, Mary said there are vacancies in Precincts 3, 5, and 9, and Precinct 8 has no contest. Peggy will write a letter to the editor announcing these vacancies and send information about upcoming TM events to the newspapers.
3. **Warrant Review:** The Warrant Review will be April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Town Room, 7 PM. Nonny will help Peggy along with Martha Hanner and another member from the co-sponsoring League of Women Voters.
4. **Contacting New Town Meeting Members:** Mary, Nonny and Melissa will call new Town Meeting members after the March 1<sup>st</sup> town election.
5. **Material for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Packets:** Alan will do a label by March 24<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Bus Tour:** The bus tour will be Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM. Pat will request a bus that includes a speaker system and microphone. We will designate speakers to the issues once we know what is on the warrant.
7. **Precinct Meetings:** All are scheduled. We reviewed the handout which will go in the first packet.
8. **New Member Orientation:** Nonny will reserve the Black Box Room at the Middle School for 5:45 PM on first night of TM.
9. **TMCC Election:** The terms of Alan, TracyLee, and Pat will be expiring.
10. **Website/Listserv:** Mary has not been able to update these because she needs help from the Town's web manager.
11. **Minutes:** The minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously as amended.
12. **Scheduling of Meeting:** Our next two meetings will be Wednesday, March 11, and Thursday, April 2, both at 3 PM.
13. **Topics Not Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting:** None

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk.

**Documents Distributed:**

Agenda

Mary's notice to the TM Listserv, 2/20/15, on the Budget Forum

Mary's draft, "Spring Town Meeting Precinct Meetings"

Draft Minutes of Jan. 6, 2015 meeting